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The 8% general fund budget cut ordered by Governor Stephens is in limbo following the November 20 decision by a Helena judge that the law under which the governor issued his order is unconstitutional. The State Library had planned to trim the new state aid to public libraries, plus the agency's travel, publications and personnel budget. At press time, the governor had just announced he would call the legislature back in special session in early January to deal with the budget situation.

A nearly \$58,000 bequest from a Columbus woman will go into a trust fund to benefit the Stillwater County Library. Library Director Deanna King said the library board had not yet decided what to do with the money, which must be used for the library but otherwise has no strings attached.

MSU Libraries produces a Bozeman Daily Chronicle/Great Falls Tribune Newspaper Index, which is available to academic and public libraries for the cost of reproduction. Subscriptions for monthly cumulative indexes are \$175; quarterly cumulative indexes are \$70; an annual is \$30, and a thesaurus is \$10. The 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 indexes are available to libraries for \$30 each. The indexes use Library of Congress headings and are mailed out within 2-3 weeks after the end of the last month being indexed.

Broadcasts of this season's ABC Afterschool Specials may be taped off-air and shown in a school or library twice within the first 10 school days from the time of recording. The programs explore contemporary issues of concern to teenagers. The schedule: *Don't Touch* (sexual abuse), Thursday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m.; *A Question About Sex* (decision-making), Thursday, Jan. 30, 2 p.m.; *The Gift of Amazing Grace* (self-awareness), Thursday, March 5, 2 p.m.; *Summer Stories: The Mall, Part 1--"Freedom"* (adoption), Thursday, March 19, 2 p.m.; *Summer Stories: The Mall, Part 2--"Fireworks"* (blended families), Thursday, April 2, 2 p.m.; *Summer Stories: The Mall, Part 3--"Temptations"* (recovering from substance abuse/teen sexuality), Thursday, April 16, 2 p.m.; *Testing Dirty* (random drug testing), Thursday, June 4, 2 p.m. Short bibliographies are available to accompany each program. Call Cathy Siegner at 444-5353 if you want a copy.

Those unable to attend either of the marketing and public relations workshops at the MLA Public Library Division retreats in October may get a copy of the workshop handout by calling Cathy Siegner at 444-5353. The handout gives advice for dealing with the media and for getting free or low-cost publicity for your library's programs and events, plus describes the role of planning and role setting in designing and marketing library services to the community.

Reminder: Eight scholarships to assist in attending graduate library and information science programs for the 1992-93 academic year are available from the American Library Association. Deadlines range from December 16 to April 1, 1992. Call ALA at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4277, for information. The ALA also has a *Financial Assistance for Library Education* directory available for \$1 from SCOPE/ALA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL, 60611.

Longevity pins were awarded November 21 to four State Library employees. They are: Darlene Staffeldt, director of Information Resources, 15 years; Charles Voit, interlibrary loan clerk, Information Resources, 15 years; Sheila Cates, coordinator of Library Development, 10 years, and Peter Langen, water information specialist, Natural Resource Information System, 5 years.

After being closed for nearly a month for moving, the Butte-Silver Bow Public Library officially reopened to the public in its new location on November 6. The library's new address is 226 W. Broadway, Butte, MT, 59701-9297; phone number is the same (406-723-3361); fax is 406-782-1825.

The Livingston-Park County Library needs to raise \$50,000 for five projects to be completed next summer--air conditioning, a security system, additional wiring, an underground sprinkler system and landscaping. Fundraising will start this month with the sale of Christmas wrapping paper made by local children, said Director June Phillips. The library plans to make up half the needed amount with fundraising projects plus private donations, with the other half coming from grants.

A \$35,000 library literacy grant to the Bozeman Public Library from the U.S. Dept. of Education has been allocated to the non-profit Gallatin Valley Literacy Council. The council will use the money to buy materials to help program participants improve their reading and writing skills.

Please remember to vote for your favorite 1992 Summer Reading Program theme. The ballot is on page 2 of the November newsletter. If you need another ballot, call Cathy Siegner at 444-5353. Your input is needed to plan another successful SRP for next year.

The following meetings and events are scheduled for DECEMBER/JANUARY:

December	10	Federation Coordinators, Helena
	11	State Library Commission, Helena
	25	Christmas Day Holiday
January	1	New Year's Day Holiday
	19-25	Third Annual Montana Book Week (and National Book Week)
	20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
	24-30	ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Antonio

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